

ARE THERE PENTAGON PAPERS ON THE MIDDLE EAST?

On August 8, 1969, Newsday reported the possible existence of a Rand Corporation study, commissioned by Presidential Assistant Henry Kissinger, on "the circumstances in which American nuclear weapons might be used in the Middle East."

IN THE CRISIS DAYS before Israel's attack on Egypt June 5, 1967, the United States was committed to the preservation of "the political independence and territorial integrity of ALL the states in the Middle East."

NOW, more than four years after the attack, the U.S. provides consistent and massive military, economic and diplomatic support which enables Israel to perpetuate and consolidate its occupation of the Arab lands it acquired by conquest.

IS THIS FUNDAMENTAL POLICY CHANGE BASED ON COMMITMENTS UNKNOWN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

ARE WE ALREADY ON A DISASTROUS AND IRREVERSIBLE COURSE THAT COULD LEAD TO MILITARY INVOLVEMENT?

The recent and historic Supreme Court decision supporting the people's "right to know" obviously applies to ALL issues where sound judgment by the American people is needed to influence their Government's decisions.

Americans are tragically uninformed—or worse, misinformed—about the fundamental issues in the M.E. This fact must be blamed on the Government, the Congress and the information media. The three, therefore, have a special obligation NOW to inform the American people of the true substance of our commitments to Israel.

- Are new U.S.-Israel links being contemplated as a result of CIA Director Richard Helms' recent visit to Israel, described by press reports as "unprecedented"?
- Why does the U.S. isolate itself from world opinion by abstaining in United Nations votes on the status of occupied Arab Jerusalem and also on Israel's violation of the rights of Palestinians in the occupied areas?
- In view of the U.N. declaration that there can be no real peace in the M.E. without "full respect for the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine," why were U.S.-Israel plans drawn up in the fall of 1970 for joint action AGAINST the Palestinians in Jordan?
- Instead of re-examining and re-structuring our M.E. policy which has so far led only to negative results, why do we continue to favor Israel with special treatment as the following examples plainly indicate:

Failure to press Israel to adhere to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty although we press other nations, by all available means, to do so.

Exchange of vital intelligence data with Israel — a fact which contributed to the effectiveness of Israeli air strikes against the Arab states in June 1967.

Withholding the truth about the Israeli attack on the USS LIBERTY off the Egyptian coast of Sinai on June 8, 1967, in which 34 Americans died and 75 were wounded. Significantly, the ship's intelligence-gathering equipment was destroyed.

Enactment of a House bill in the fall of 1970 providing open ended military aid to Israel. The bill was so lacking in safeguards and conditions that Speaker McCormack was moved to remark: "I have never seen in my 42 years as a member of this body language of this kind in an authorization bill or an appropriations bill."

Voting by so-called Senate "Vietnam doves" which killed an amendment to the Defense Appropriations Bill that would have restricted the power of the President (as with Cambodia) to commit American troops to the M.E.

Reluctance by responsible officials and the information media to question the tax-exempt status of millions of dollars in annual contributions to Israel, even though these funds are not being used "exclusively for charitable purposes," as required by U.S. law, but to subsidize social and development programs which are the normal functions of government. In addition to the burden which they impose on all Americans, tax-exempt U.S. dollars place us in the position of effectively subsidizing Israel's illegal occupation of Arab lands.

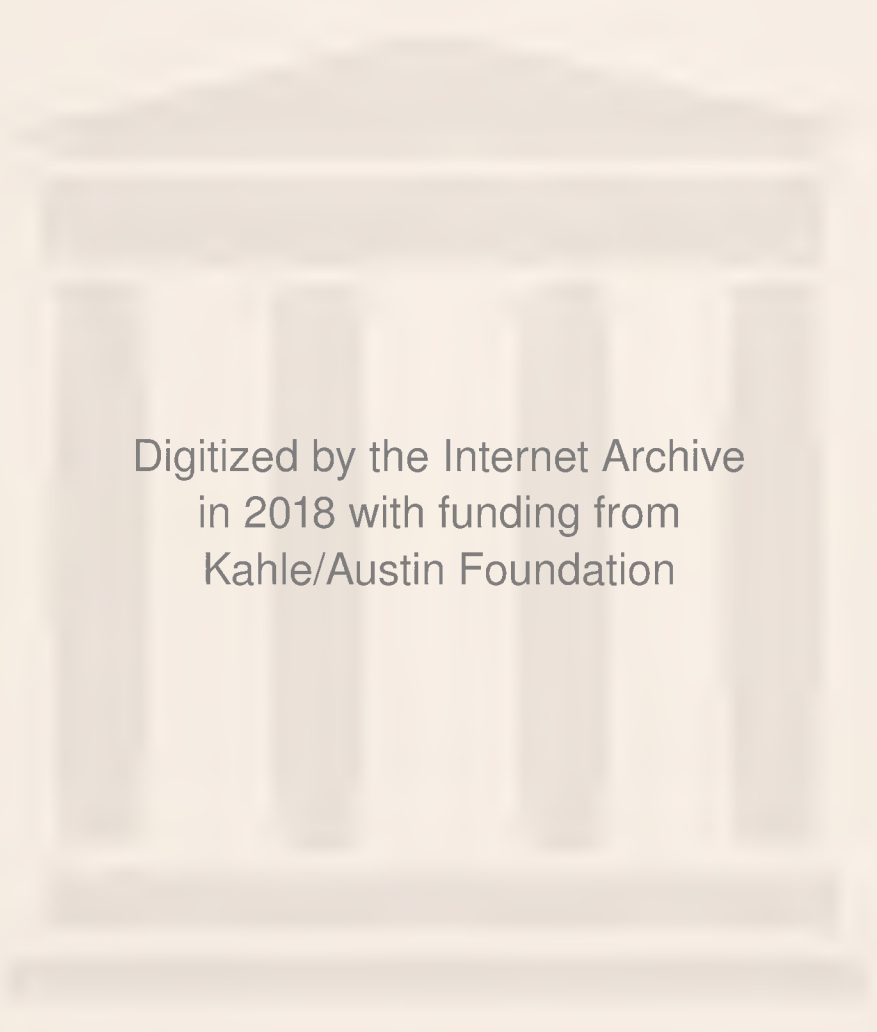
Allowing the Israeli Government, through its instrument, the Jewish Agency, to persuade American Jews to emigrate to Israel while the latter adamantly rejects the legitimate right of the Palestinians to return to their homeland.

VIETNAM IS A CATASTROPHE! CAN WE AFFORD TO REPEAT THE SAME BLUNDERS IN THE M. E.?

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